

Preliminary Notice of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Development for the Chesapeake Bay

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS: There will be a public meeting on Friday, October 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via a video conference at the following Virginia Department of Environmental Quality locations:

Central Office, 629 E. Main St., Richmond, VA 23219 [meeting home site]

Phone: (804) 698-4000

Blue Ridge Regional Office, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502

Phone: (434) 582-5120

Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193

Phone: (703) 583-3800

Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Phone: (804) 527-5020

Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Phone: (757) 518-2000

Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Phone: (540) 574-7800

There will also be a webinar for those interested in participating in the process but prefer not to travel to one of the meeting locations (refer to Additional Information below).

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: This notice announces the intent of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 ("EPA") to establish a Chesapeake Bay-wide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nutrients and sediment for all impaired segments in the tidal portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This action is being taken pursuant to section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation are cooperating with EPA to hold an initial public meeting to provide information to the public regarding the process, approach and implications of this action.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: EPA, in coordination with Bay watershed jurisdictions, will establish a TMDL pollution budget consistent with CWA requirements to guide and assist Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts. This action is designed to identify needed reductions of pollutant loads to the impaired waters, in order to meet the appropriate water quality standards.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Further information on this process and how the public can provide input can be found at the following EPA web site: <http://www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl>. In addition, the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl contains information for connecting to the webinar link for the October 2 meeting presentations and will also be used to announce future meetings held in the Commonwealth during the development of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

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